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REFORT ON THE MINISTRY OF FURNICH AND INTRA*GERMAN TRADE (5 pp; German; Jistribution date: 2 Jan 53)

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This The CDR Ministry of Foreign and Intra-German Trade, The report contains the following:

- 1. Short characterizations and descriptions of the functions of the various leading officials of the ministry, such as Minister Gregor, State Secretary Ganter-Gilmans, State Secretary Huettenrauch, etc.
 - 2. A report on the development of the GDR foreign trade.

The expert plan fell far short of fulfillment for two reasons: Insufficient quantities and inadequate quality of goods available for expert. Honfulfillment of the expert plan resulted in nonfulfillment of the import plan because of the shortage in foreign exchange. Prespects are that the import plan will regularly be about 7 percent underfulfilled.

3. Intra-German trade.

Leng-time amployees of the Main Tepartment for Intra-German Trade maintain that the illegal intersonal trade was larger than the legal trade during the absence of the intersonal trade agreement. Firms handling illegal intersonal trade: MELETEX (Metals, Foodstuffs, and Textiles), OEAG (German Import and Export Company), and DMV (German Commedity Sales Company).

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The who finances the Deutsche Handelsgesellschaften West-Ost (West-East German Frading Companies), in Emesselfart, Hanburg, Munich (?), etc. but he feels confident that their money comes from GDR sources, He also furnishes some information on the GEFO (Company for East Trade).

The report also includes various data on GER officials and on Yest Perliners cooperating with the GPR.

Luxury goods (leather goods, textiles, etc.) valued at 46 million DE [Last or West 2] and luxury foods in the same amount are to be imported in order to absorb the excess by buying power of the GDR intelligentsia.

During the middle of August 1952 the coffee stocks of the GDH were exhausted. At this point West Germany offered to expert coffee to the GDH (in the amount of 6-8 million DM).

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